

# Space-A Travel

## RAF Mildenhall

Many military members and their families take space-available flights to save money. Space-A can be a convenient and rewarding way to travel but knowing the process can save you from unexpected pitfalls. You will need to be flexible. Remember, Space-A is defined as unused space aboard an aircraft after all mission requirements are met. The mission must come first.

When traveling Space-A remember to be ready to travel at all times. Required documents include ID cards (active duty, retirees and dependents 10 years and older), passports, leave paper work, and command-sponsorship letter. Please check with the passenger terminal staff since paper work varies on a case by case basis.

Keep in mind that baggage must not exceed two checked bags per person, each weighing 70 pounds or less, or exceeding 62 linear inches, along with an authorized carry-on. This may differ depending on the type of aircraft you're traveling on. Once again please check with the staff at the passenger terminal.

Flight information can be obtained for 72 hours face-to-face in the terminal or 72 hours over the phone. Times given are "Roll call" times. Roll Calls are conducted two hours prior to aircraft block time and passengers are selected for a flight based on their travel category and date and time of sign-up. If selected, keep in mind, if you want a meal they can cost up to \$5.55 a piece.

Space-A travel is broken up into six categories:

- Category 1: non-funded emergency leave
- Category 2: environmental and morale leave with sponsor
- Category 3: ordinary leave or permissive TDY for house hunting or unaccompanied dependents of military members deployed for at least 365 days (*requires letter signed by the sponsor's commander*)
- Category 4: unaccompanied dependents of military members deployed for at least 30 days including Reserve and Guard personnel (*requires letter signed by the sponsor's commander*)
- Category 5: command sponsored dependents traveling without their sponsor (*requires letter signed by the sponsor's commander*), permissive TDY for non house hunting
- Category 6: Retirees

Our most frequent flights on military aircraft are to locations such as McGuire Air Force Base, N.J.; Fairchild AFB, WA; McConnell AFB, KS; and Ramstein AB, Ger.

Remember missions can change without prior notice.  
For flight information for the next 72 hours, please call 238-2248.  
72 hour flight information can also be obtained in person at the Mildenhall Passenger Terminal, Bldg. 598 during normal hours of operation; 0600 to 2200; 7 days a week.

You can also visit the Space-A Web site on the AF portal  
<https://www.my.af.mil/gcss-af/afp40/USAF/ep/globalTab.do?command=org&pageId=681742&channelPageId=-1643263>

For further information:  
<https://www.facebook.com/RAFMildenhallPassengerTerminal>  
<http://www.mildenhall.af.mil/units/rafmildenhallpassengerterminal.asp>

Things to remember

1. Be travel-ready upon arriving at the terminal.
2. You will be screened for Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Prohibited items. This will include most liquids over 3 oz. For more information please visit [www.tsa.gov](http://www.tsa.gov)
3. Plan for the unexpected. Flights can change without warning. Ensure you have enough money to cover unexpected cost such as billeting and meals.
4. Ensure you keep proof of your time and date of sign up. If you signed up at the terminal a stamp with this information will be provided for you. If you sign via email or fax ensure you bring a copy of the fax or email with you so that you can be back dated if necessary.
5. When flying on military aircraft, remember that open-toed and open-heeled shoes are not permitted. Most importantly if you are unsure please ask one of the staff.